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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 6, 2006, please consider the following remarks that begin on page 2 of this paper. This Response is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

If any fees are due in addition to those paid with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them (up to \$5,000) to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.